The Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Best wishes to everyone on this **September Weekend holiday**. It is important that we have the opportunities to refresh our minds and our bodies with appropriate times for rest and recuperation. The September Weekend marks the end of our summer and with the approach of the lovely season of October there are ample signs of the season of **Autumn**. This season is full of beauty and colour. Beauty it is perhaps the first characteristic of Almighty God. **God is beauty** and the wonder and beauty of the seasons are reflections of this.

Tuesday of this week marks the start of October. Although this is the tenth month of our calendar, October was the eighth month of the Roman calendar. 'Octo' means 'eight' in Latin. The name has simply carried over into the Gregorian calendar which we use. Traditionally October is regarded as the second month of the season of Autumn. October celebrates some beautiful feast days. The month begins with the celebration of the **Saint Teresa** our patron saint. Our school will be with us for Mass. Then there are feast days such as the **Guardian Angels** and **St Francis of Assisi**. October is the month of the **Holy Rosary**.

Pope Francis has asked that October is an **Extraordinary Month** of Mission with the theme, 'Baptised and Sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World.' On Tuesday October 1st at 1.00 pm a Missions Mass will take place at St Francis Xavier, Carfin. Representatives of Primary Six children from throughout the Diocese will be present. An information pack for each parishioner in the Diocese has been delivered to the parishes. These are now available at the back of Church. **Take a look at the poster on the notice board.**

To mark the **end of the Pilgrimage Season** at Carfin there will be a torchlight procession followed by Benediction on Sunday October 6th at 7.00 pm. Bishop Toal will lead the devotions.

Fr Bergin will be the **hospital chaplain** at Wishaw on Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning of this week.

On **Tuesday** October 15th at 7.00 pm there will be a meeting for all of our **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** including the new Ministers. Among the points to discuss, will be the increasing demands being asked of Ministers regarding visits to the sick. Thoughts on how we nourish our personal holiness as Ministers will be discussed.

Time has a dreadful habit of moving very quickly. Perhaps it does no harm to keep in mind the approaching **Month of the Holy Souls** and a suggestion that **Thursday** November 14th at 7.00 pm should be our annual Mass in honour of our dead. Throughout the month of November parishioners are encouraged to submit their **Dead Lists** to the priests so that prayer can be offered throughout the month for the sweet repose of their souls. The start of the beautiful season of **Advent** will take place on **Sunday December 1st**. The season marks the start of the new year for the Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Matthew. **Christmas Eve marks the 60th anniversary** of the first Mass that was celebrated in the newly built Church of St Teresa of the Child Jesus in Newarthill.

The current addition of the **Catholic press** contains an article which it would be prudent to familiarise ourselves with. It concerns the future of Catholic schools in Scotland. There is every possibility that this topic will be the subject of increased scrutiny in the times to come. Objective, well informed debate on the part of all those involved will be helpful. Part of this must be the Catholic community's ability to argue the cause for Catholic schools based upon values which are totally Christ based and devoid of anything that could be interpreted as a source of division within our country. **Read the article in the newspaper.**

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 5th Oct.	C Scullion	A M Lynn, C Dabernig, P Cullion
Sunday 6th Oct.	E Smith	J Mullen, M Nugent, P Walsh

Prayer For The Week

Saint Teresa of Lisieux little Child of God gifted to us from heaven guiding us on your Little Way drawing on our journey to Jesus.

The Light of Christ the only Way the way of Truth and Life a soul consumed in love Devine sweetest Love of Jesus our Saviour.

Scatter your petals on us we pray gentle as dew on the Earth distill the love the Love of Christ 'till our hearts are consumed in His Passion.

> Saint Therese of Lisieux little Child of God gifted to us from heaven guiding us on your Little Way drawing on our journey to Jesus.

Lately Dead: Thomas Kehoe, Jackie Henry, Neil Tierney, Brian McCluskey, Janetta Devine, Month's Mind: Jane McMahon, Anniversary: May Tighe, John Cadden, James White, Joe McKinney, Fr. Lawrence Connelly, John Molloy, Fr Bernard Benson (Arnhem 1944).

> Attendances: 229, Collection: £721 Thank you to the parish for their generosity



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 29th Sept.	10:00am 4:00pm	Neil Tierney & May Tighe Devotions and Benediction
Monday 30th Sept. <i>St Jerome</i>	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Morning Prayer Joe McKinney Mass in the State Hospital, Carstairs
Tuesday 1st Oct. St Therese of the Child Jesus	9:05am 9:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Morning Prayer Mass with School Holy Rosary for Janetta Devine Reception of the Body of Janetta Devine
Wednesday 2nd Oct. <i>The Holy Guardian</i> <i>Angels</i>	9:30am	Requiem Mass for Janetta Devine
Thursday 3rd Oct.	9:05am 9:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Fr. Lawrence Connelly
Friday 4th Oct. St Francis of Assisi First Friday	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Morning Prayer James White & John Molloy Mass at Carfin Grotto with Ogilvie Children
Saturday 5th Oct.	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary John Cadden

Response to the Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord